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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Tapani VUORINEN

Serial Number: 09/674,289

Group Art Unit: 1731

Filed: October 30, 2000

Examiner: M. Alvo

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING A FIBER PRODUCT

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 16, 2002**

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 16, 2002

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2002. A petition for a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application as directed below and consider the remarks that follow.